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1. Nine hundred to a thousand troops of the KBW (Corps for Interior Security) were quartered in old barracks, partly damaged during the war, which were located in the Mokotow section of Warsaw (R 53/L 09). The barracks are located on a road leading to the Warsaw airfield. They also housed a school for 18 to 22-year-old officer candidates. The KBW troops quartered there were repeatedly committed against partisans (especially in 1948) and assigned to guard duty at official buildings in Warsaw. The KBW troops were commanded by a Polish general. The barracks included several billets, a utilities building, stables, garages, a chapel (not used), the residence of the above-mentioned general, and a building designated as "Information Section".
2. The KBW Barracks were located on Ul. Rakowiecka, corner of Ul. Pulawska, Warsaw. In a large uncultivated area. Adjacent to the barracks to the north, a stadium was under construction. The barracks were occupied by:
 - a. A KBW unit of about one battalion,
 - b. An officer candidate school with about 250 trainees,
 - c. A large number of KBW administrative and fatigue personnel.

A ration strength report, which was examined [REDACTED] to-25X1A taled more than two thousand men in late March 1949. Polish Air Force personnel were temporarily quartered in the barracks in the spring of 1948, later being transferred to the Okęcie airfield on the southwestern outskirts of Warsaw. The KBW troops were commanded by a Polish general who was billeted in the barracks. An especially important building of the

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barracks block was designated "Information Section", where ten Soviet officers were also employed. The [REDACTED] believed the battalion to be organized as follows:

Three infantry companies of 60 men each, one motorized company of about 100 to 150 men and one signal company, which was increased to about 300 men at the time source was discharged. The number of officers in the barracks was remarkably high. The unit was equipped with light machine guns, rifles, and submachine guns. No heavy weapons, such as antitank guns, were observed. A KBW ordnance depot was located in two of the old Warsaw forts, allegedly in forts I and II. Besides performing guard duty at important Warsaw installations, including an ammunition dump, the KBW unit has been committed against partisans since the spring of 1947, large detachments often being away for eight to ten weeks. Losses of personnel and motor vehicles were high. The personnel wore Soviet uniforms with field caps and round vizorcaps and the letters KBW embroidered in red on their epaulets. The procurement of Polish uniforms was planned [REDACTED] the officer candidate school to be directly subordinate to the Ministry of National Defense. The trainees were sons of soldiers killed during the war. They wore uniforms with broad blue stripes along the seams of the trousers.

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Comment:

The reported KBW Barracks is assumed with a high measure of certainty to house the KBW High Command with its guard units.

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